



JANNIE'S PLACE

611-27 N. 40th Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
2010 - 2011

Client: People's Emergency Center

Gross Floor Area: 40,000 sf

Number of Units: 29

Civil Engineer: Gerard Dewaghe

Structural: The Harman Group

MEP: MP Hershman

General Contractor: Allied Construction

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People's Emergency Center (PEC) began as a homeless shelter for women and children, but evolved their services over the years to include the provision of permanent, affordable housing for their clients.

Jannie's Place grew from that desire to provide permanent housing. In total, the project provides 29 dwelling units ranging in size from One to Three Bedrooms allowing them to accommodate a range of family sizes. A large, vacant site in the Mantua neighborhood was acquired, and provided PEC with a terrific opportunity to fill a void in a neighborhood that has had its share of adversity over the last few years.

The design places the building directly along the full length of 40th Street, regaining both corners and re-establishing the grid. The facade is organized around red brick, the most common material in this typical Philadelphia neighborhood, and multi-colored metal panel siding, a more modern material used in a playful way.